PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed Amendment to the 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan

The City of Wichita has proposed a Substantial Amendment to the City's Consolidated Plan. The City is inviting comments from the public on the proposed amendment. There will a be a public hearing on this matter during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. Comments can be submitted through January 10, 2014 to: Housing and Community Services Department, 332 N. Riverview, Wichita, KS 67203, by phone to 462-3725 or by email to mstanberry@wichita.gov. Comments may also be made in person at the January 14 hearing. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or services for effective communication may contact the ADA coordinator in the Office of the City Manager no later than 48 hours before the hearing. The proposed plan changes are as follows.

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Due to changes in HOME regulations impacting funding from 2011, 2012 and 2013 funds, the following amendment is proposed to bring the City's Consolidated Plan into compliance with the final HOME rule which was published on August 24, 2013.

Due to changes in HOME regulations impacting funding from the 2012 and 2013 program years, as well as HOME funding committed on or after August 23, 2013, the following amendment is proposed to bring the City's Consolidated Plan into compliance with the final HOME rule, which was published on August 24, 2013.

The change is on Page 62 of the 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan, and is listed below:

Current

<u>HOME</u>. The City of Wichita has elected not to designate HOME funds to support rent assistance or the production of rental units. Because of the focus on homeownership, HOME funds support development of single family housing which is affordable for moderate income buyers, and to pay for downpayment and closing costs.

Proposed

<u>HOME</u>. The City of Wichita's focus on homeownership provides funds for development of single family housing which is affordable for moderate income buyers, and to pay for downpayment and closing costs. However the City also recognizes the need to make affordable rental housing available for families with moderate incomes. Therefore HOME funds may be used to support rent assistance or the production of rental units.